Committee (High Powered Committee) has been set up to coordinate and facilitate early implementation of the decree mentioned in the Judgement & Order dated the 4th June, 2004 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, within the time frame as directed therein.

'Stop Water' campaign

†775. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, during the last three years under 'Stop Water' campaign, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that these States have spent nothing from the financial assistance given to them; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the instructions which are being considered to be issued to the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Ministry of Water Resources has not provided any financial assistance to Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh for "Stop Water" campaign.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agreement between Punjab and Rajasthan for supply of water

†776. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments of Punjab and Rajasthan had entered into agreements regarding supply of water in the past;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of such agreements and names of rivers for which these agreements were entered into; and

(c) the names of those rivers alongwith quantum of water Rajasthan is entitled to get as per the said agreements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bhakra Nangal Agreement on Sutlej waters was signed between Punjab and Rajasthan in 1959. The share of erstwhile Punjab on its re-organization was later divided between Punjab and Haryana in a meeting held on 19.12.1996. Based on this agreement, Rajasthan's share in Sutlej waters is 1.763 Billion Cubic Metres.

An Agreement was signed by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on 31.12.1981 re-allocating the waters of the rivers Ravi and Beas. Based on this agreement, Rajasthan's share in net surplus Ravi Beas waters, excluding pre-partition uses and transit losses in Madhopur-Beas Link, is 10.61 Billion Cubic Metres or 8.60 Million Acre Feet. The agreement also provided that until such time as Rajasthan is in a position to utilize its full share, Punjab shall be free to utilize the waters surplus to Rajasthan's requirements, based on which, Rajasthan is receiving supplies corresponding to 8.0 Million Acre Feet instead of 8.6 Million Acre Feet.

Utilization of water

777. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that although eighty per cent of India's usable water resources are diverted for irrigation, only eighty-five per cent of the capacity is utilized;

(b) if so, whether this utilization is low because of high irrigation costs for farmers; and